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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Taylor DATE TYPED 2/22/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Study Elevator Industry SB SJM 71

ANALYST Ford

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal – See Narrative		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HJM 75

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 71 requests the RLD and the AGO, in consultation with the national elevator industry and the international union of elevator constructors, to study the law, building codes and rules governing the regulation of the elevator industry to determine if existing provisions adequately protect the public. The memorial calls on RLD to report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2005.

#### Significant Issues

According to RLD, there is no state inspection of the operation of elevators. The construction industries division inspects the construction of elevator shafts, but the actual mechanism is not considered construction under the Construction Industries Licensing Act. There is no state agency currently charged with the responsibility for ensuring that the operation of elevators is correct at the time of installation, nor for ensuring their continued maintenance to a minimum standard.

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RLD further writes that, without the study, elevators will continue to be installed and operated without state oversight or that laws may be enacted that will fail to be effective because the necessary research was not done.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

RLD indicates that it can absorb the costs of the study with its current resources.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

Senate Joint Memorial 71 duplicates House Joint Memorial 75.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

What is the benefit of or need for the AGO's involvement in the study?

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